## **Claims**

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising the steps of:

connecting a first application with a first database and a second database;

connecting an interface module to the first database and the second database;

connecting a second application to the interface module; and translating data formats from the second application and the first database and the second database within the interface module to allow data to be processed without a local database for the second application.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the interface module resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the first application is run with the first database and the second database within a data center.
- 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the interface module resides in the data center.
- 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the interface module is integrated into the second application software.
- 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the interface module resides on a separate server.

7. A machine-readable storage medium tangibly embodying a sequence of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method, the method comprising the steps of:

connecting a first application with a first database and a second database;

connecting an interface module to the first database and the second database;

connecting the second application to the interface module; and translating data formats from the second application and the first database and the second database within the interface module to allow data to be processed without a local database for the second application.

- 8. The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the interface module resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.
- 9. The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the first application is run with the first database and the second database within a data center.
- 10. The machine-readable medium of claim 9, wherein the interface module resides in the data center.
- 11. The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the interface module is integrated into the second application software.
- 12. The machine-readable medium of claim 7, wherein the interface module resides on a separate server.

## 13. A system comprising:

a first application being connected to a first database and a second database;

a second application; and

an interface being connected to the first database by a first connection, the second database by a second connection, and the second application by a third connection, the interface translating data formats from the first database, the second database, and the second application so that data from the second unit may be processed without a local database for the second unit.

- 14. The system of claim 13, wherein the first application is run in a data center.
- 15. The system of claim 13, wherein the first application is run with the first database and the second database within the data center.
- 16. The system of claim 13, wherein the second application resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.
- 17. The system of claim 13, wherein the interface resides at a local application service provider (ASP) site.
- 18. The system of claim 14, wherein the interface resides in the data center.
- 19. The system of claim 13, wherein the interface is integrated into the second application software.
- 20. The system of claim 13, wherein the interface resides on a separate server.